

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 23 to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) In a magnetic coupling arrangement for transmitting torque from an input shaft to an output shaft, wherein at least one magnet arrangement is assigned to each of the input shaft and to the output shaft, and wherein a containment shell comprising at least one inner sleeve and at least one outer sleeve extends between the magnet arrangements, the improvement wherein the inner sleeve is formed from at least one profile element that extends approximately in the manner of a coil as a unitary helical band with a mating protrusion and groove on opposite sides, and wherein the outer sleeve is provided for axially ~~fastening~~ retaining the profile element.

2. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein the profile element exhibits at a first side a groove and at a second side that is oriented parallel to the first side, a protrusion that is fitted to the groove, such that the protrusion and the groove of adjacent windings of the profile element that extends in the manner of a coil are engaged in one another.

3. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein a sealing material is provided at least at one of the two sides of the profile element.

4. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 3, wherein a sealing tape is provided as the sealing material.

5. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein the outer sleeve exhibits an approximately cylindrical jacket with an approximately circular bottom.

6. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 5, wherein the jacket is slotted in the longitudinal direction at least in sections.

7. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 5, wherein the jacket is notched in the longitudinal direction at least in sections.

8. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 7, wherein the jacket exhibits several notches in succession in the longitudinal direction.

9. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 8, wherein each notch in the remaining wall thickness of the jacket exhibits at least one hole.

10. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 8, wherein each notch in the remaining wall thickness of the jacket is perforated.

11. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 6, wherein the jacket of the outer sleeve exhibits a means of sealing on at least one of the outer side and on the inner side.

12. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 6, wherein at least one support ring is provided between at least one of the notched and slotted sections of the jacket in the direction of the circumference.

13. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein the bottom of the outer sleeve compresses the windings of the profile element such that the profile element can be fastened in the axial direction at a flange that is directly connected to the housing.

14. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 13, wherein a spring-loaded connection is provided between the inner sleeve and outer sleeve.

15. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 14, wherein at least one spring element is located between the bottom of the inner sleeve and the bottom of the outer sleeve.

16. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 14, wherein the bottom of the inner sleeve is fastened to the last winding of the profile element that is pointing in the direction of the bottom.

17. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein at least one outer magnet arrangement is provided that is fastened to the input shaft.

18. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein at least one inner magnet arrangement is provided that is fastened to the output shaft.

19. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein each magnet arrangement exhibits at least one magnet ring that exhibits in the radial direction at least one alternating polarity (N, S).

20. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 17, wherein a plurality of magnet rings with the same polarity (N, S) are arranged in the longitudinal direction with or without gap and form a group.

21. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 20, wherein each magnet arrangement exhibits several groups with differing polarity in relation to one another that are arranged in the longitudinal direction with or without gap.

22. (Previously Presented) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 20, wherein the respective gap is assigned to a support ring.

23. (Currently Amended) A magnetic coupling arrangement as set forth in claim 17, wherein the respective magnet arrangements are arranged at the outer sleeve and at the ~~inners~~ inner sleeve in relation to one another such that magnets with different polarity (N, S) are always located opposite to one another.